(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इसका बाजार मूल्य कितना है ; और

(ग) ऐसी घटनाओं की पुनरावृति को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा): (क) और (ख) कोयला कंपनियों के पास चोरी हुए कोयले/उतापात के दौरान उठायेगिरी किए गए कोयले की मात्रा/कीमत के संबंध में कोई सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है। चूंकि जैसे ही कोयले से लदी वैगन/ट्रक कोलियरी रेलवे साइडिंग/लदान स्थान को छोड़ देते हैं तभी से कोयले का स्वामित्व खरीददार की ओर स्थानान्तरित हो जाता है।

(ग) ऐसी चोरी, उठाईगिरी आदि के संबंध में रेलवे/परिवहन कंपनियों, आदि द्वारा, जोकि कोयले का परिवहन करते हैं, को रोकने के लिए अपेक्षित कदम उठाने पड़ेंगे ।

रुग्ण कोयला खानों को पुनर्गठित किया जाना

1753. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसी कोयला खानों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें या तो लाभ अर्जित करने वाली खानों के रूप में पुनर्गठित किया जा सकता है अथवा जिनमें होने वाली हानि को कम किया जा सकता है ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा): (क) और (ख) घाटे में चल रही खानों के कार्य-निष्पादन की समीक्षा किया जाना एक सतत् प्रकिया है । हाल ही में 18 खानें (भारत कोकिंग कोल लि०–3, ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि०–11 और सेंट्रल कोलफील्ड्स लि०–4) को कोल इंडिया लि० द्वारा बहुत अलाभकारी और सुधार की कोई संभावना न होने के रूप में विनिर्दिष्ट किया गया है । को० इ० लि० इन खानों में से 2 को नई परियोजनाओं के साथ समाहित करने के लिए कार्रवाई कर रहा है जबकि अन्य दो खानों को ओपेनकास्ट खान के रूप में पुनर्निमित किया जा रहा है ।

Short fupply of coal by Northern Coal-Gelds Limited

1754. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that short supply of Coal by Northern Coalfields Limited has adversely affected power geneartion at Anpara Thermal Power Project of the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) how much loss of energy generation has taken place due to short supply of coal in the case mentioned above with details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that such a lapse should not happen on the part of coal supplies?

THH MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Coal requiiemeiVs of all major coal based thermal power stations in the country are assessed by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), based on the annual geneartion target fixed for them. Coal supplies are thereafter made as per linkages based on the recommendations of CEA.

During the period April—November, 1994 against a total linkage oi 33.4 lakh tonnes, coal supplies to Anpara Thermal Power Station of UPSEB have been 84.7 lakh tonnes. The supplies were thus 104% of the linkages.

(b) In view of coal supplies exceeding the linkages, the question of power generation suffering on account of less supply of coal, does not arise.

(c) Supply of coal to power houses including Anpara TPS is given top most priority. Coal supplies to povver houses is monitored on a regular basis and corrective action is taken wherever necessary.

Tenure of Chairmen of EPCs and FIEOs

1755. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased tn stale :

(a) whether Government have fixed ths tenure of the Chairmen of Export Promotion Councils and of Federation of Indian Export Organisations and if so. the details thereof; and

(b) whether any relaxation has been made in the tenure of the Chairmen of Export Promotion Councils and of tlie Federation of Indian Export Organisations: if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The tenure of the Chairmen of Export Promotion Couneils fEPCs) and Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) is regulated according to the provisions of the Articles of Association of the respective EPCs and FIEO. In order to bring about uniformity and smooth functioning of EPCs, it was deeded in the Ministry of Commerce to fix the tenure of Chairmen of all EPCs for a period of two years. Tt was also decided that there would be no bar to re-election, but there

has to be a minimum gap of one term of two years. The above decision was communicated to all EPCs in February, 1993 suggesting that their Articles of Association may be suitably amended, if considered necessary. The question of relaxation of tenure of Chairmen of EPCs and FIEO by the Government does not arise.

Public Sector Unit in Mica Industry

1756. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the period and the circumstances to establish public sector unit in Mica industry, MITCO;

(b) the pay scales of the productive and supporting workers there at the start and subsequent change in 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1990 and at present given the total emoluments of each principal category of workers in these years; and

(c) whether the need led to the birth of MITCO has ended now leading to its winding up and if not, the steps taken to develop MITCO'.'

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) MITCO was carved out of MMTC in June, 1974 as a Canalising Agency for export of Mica.

(b) Prior to 17-1-1984 MITCO workers were being paid according to prevailing Minimum Wages Act of respective states Thereafter time-scales were introduced. Details of Pay Scales of productive and supporting workers is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) Due to decline in its performance, MITCO has been declared sick in terms of Sick Industrial Compaines Act (special amendment 1985) by BIFR. Various options for revival of MITCO including its merger with MMTC are under consideration.

Statement

Pay Scales of productive and Supporting workers of Public Sector Units in Mica Industry during 1993-94

	Pay Scales effective from 17-1-84		Total emoluments of workers at minimum of Scale in the month of October	
	In Rs./ months	1985	1990	1994
Category II	210–245	508.09	1001.41	1925.96
Category I	235–280	534.97	1028.29	1952.84
Checker	245–300	545.72	1039.04	1963.59
Sardar	270–345	572.60	1065.91	1990.46
Carpenter	300–385	604.84	1098.16	2022.71
Chargeman	340–450	647.84	1141.16	2065.71

Volume of World Trade in Mica

1757. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the volume of world trade in mica during the last three years with year-wise break-up;

(b) the Indian contribution in the world trade of Mica, showing percentage for the above period, giving tbe export figures both in quantity and earnings and contri-butin of MITCO in this regard; and

(c) internal consumption of mica in the country in 1975, 1980, 19S5, 1990 and 1994 and the likely consumption by 2000 AD with relevant details thereof?

THE MINISTER Or COMMERCE (SHRl PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Precise details of the volume of world trade in mica are not available.

(b) Total export of mica and MITCO'* •hare therein during the last 3 years is given below:—